**Primary Education as a Fundamental Right**

849. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2677 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th August, 1996 and state:

(a) whether a Committee under the Chairmanship of Union Minister of State for Education has since been set-up to consider the financial, administrative, legal and academic implications of the proposal referred to therein;

(b) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the question of mobilising funds/financial implications of the proposal likely to be placed before the above Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Committee was constituted vide Government Order No. F. 1-53/92-EE, dated the 29 August, 1996.

(c) The Committee is inter-alia looking into the financial aspects of the proposal.

**मध्य प्रदेश में गन्नों का जलाया जाना**

850. श्री राघवजी: क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) मध्य प्रदेश के किन-किन जिलों में किसानों को वर्ष 1996 में अपना गन्ना जलाना पड़ा;

(ख) इस प्रकार जलाए गए गन्नों का कुल मूल्य कितना है;

(ग) क्या किसानों को कोई मुआवजा दिया गया; यदि हां, तो कितने किसानों को कितनी राशि का मुआवजा दिया गया; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

कृषि मंत्री (श्री चतुरानन मिश्र): (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

**Improvement in the productivity of Milch Cattle**

851. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that efforts are being made by Government to increase the productivity of milch cattle by genetic upgradation, improving feed, fodder availability etc. in Gujarat and other parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the availability of milk in the country is much below the nutritional requirement recommended by the ICMR;

(d) if, so the details thereof; and

(e) the remedial measures proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. In Gujarat we are implementing Associated Herd Progeny Testing and ETT Programme for improving the production of Gir and Kankrej cattle as well as Central Herd Registration Scheme. The registration programme is being run for Gir, Kankrej cattle and Jafrabadi and Surti buffaloes. Government of India is also running a Central Cattle Breeding Farm at Dhamrod, district Surat and Regional Station for Forage Production and Demonstration, Gandhinagar.

(b) The following schemes are being implemented:—

(1) National Bull Production Programmes for increasing productivity of livestock in the country.

(2) Extension of Frozen Semen Technology and field progeny testing programme for providing better breeding facilities in the country.

(3) 7 Cattle breeding farms and one frozen semen production and training institute have been established for providing semen and bulls to the State Governments and other agencies for better breeding coverage.

(4) For increasing availability of feed and fodder number of centrally sponsored schemes